

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Broadcasting an obvious smear just days before the most important election in our lifetimes is an attempt to suppress democracy and fair elections. The self-interest they exhibit is disgusting to many Americans and detracts from their credibility and damages their standing as an owner of broadcast licenses. Fair and balanced news reporting is critical in the current day of 30 second sound bites.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.